

**Minutes – Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)**  
**Miami North Corridor Metrorail Extension, Preliminary Engineering Phase**  
**Contract N. TR05-NCPE**  
**STATIONS PLANNING MEETING – NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Station/Northside Shopping Center**  
**Presentation at Model City Advisory Board Meeting**  
**April 27, 2005**

The first of a series seven public meetings to be held through June 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Miami North Corridor Metrorail Extension, preliminary Engineering Phase convened at 7:45 pm on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 with a presentation to the Model City Advisory Board at the Joseph Caleb Community Center, Meeting Room 110, 5400 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Miami Dade Transit (MDT) Project Manager Raquel Rosal, P.E. began the presentation with an overall project description of the planned NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Metrorail Station/Northside Shopping Center along the North Corridor Metrorail Extension.

Rosal introduced Dennis Lyzniak, P.E., Parsons Transportation Group Project Manager. Lyzniak introduced the project team members.

## **1. Introductions**

Those in attendance from the consultant were:

MDT Project Supervisor Isabel Padron, P.E., MDT Project Manager Raquel Rosal, P.E., Parsons Transportation Group Project Manager Dennis Lyzniak, P.E., Michelle Simmons of MDT Public Involvement Division, Mario Garcia of MDT Planning Division, Jose Requejo, AIA of Earth Tech and Public Involvement Consultant Bobbie Mumford, Jodi Porter and Deborah Johnson of B Mumford & Company.

## **2. Scope of Work**

MDT project Manager Raquel Rosal, P.E. began her presentation speaking on the:

- Selection of consultant Parsons Transportation Group to begin preliminary engineering phase effective March 9, 2005
- Preliminary Engineering Phase objective to produce final design documents for presentation to the federal government

Dennis Lyzniak, P.E., spoke on the overall Metrorail Extension Project Schedule highlighting the following:

- Preliminary Engineering Phase scheduled to take about 9 months through December 2005 to complete 30% preliminary plans to be submitted to federal government
- The Metrorail Extension to connect to NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street and continue for 9.5 miles at the same elevation as existing alignment
- Switch option to be utilized at NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street as opposed to an overpass/flyover based on community concerns

- From NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street, the Metrorail Extension will proceed north down center of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the first station in the center of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue at NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street. This station must be in the center of roadway because the route has to continue on an alignment before it can move to either east or west side of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- The Extension will then move to the west side of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Miami Dade College Station on campus site just south of NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street
- The Extension then crosses NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the east side with a station in Opa-locka at Ali-baba Avenue
- The Extension continues along the east side of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue then crosses back west to Palmetto Station at NW 163<sup>rd</sup> Street
- The Extension then goes over the Palmetto Expressway to next station at the 183<sup>rd</sup> Street Shopping Center (west side)
- The Extension continues north crossing east to Pro Player Stadium Station at NW 199<sup>th</sup> Street
- The Extension end at NW 215<sup>th</sup> Street at the Florida Turnpike and Calder Race Track

Bobbie Mumford, Public Involvement Coordinator, highlighted the public's role in the process:

- Commended Model City Advisory Board Chairman Patrick Owens and Board Member Mr. Kilpatrick for their role during planning phase in bringing attention to the proposed flyover at NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street which may have resulted in the loss of businesses
- Gave assurance that the community's concerns, suggestions and ideas will be considered the final plans
- Explained the Public Meetings process during the preliminary engineering phase to include meetings in the proximity of the seven stations to be held through June 2, 2005
- Second series of meetings to be held July through September for further community input into the plans
- Invited the public to call her as the community liaison to request additional information

Jose Requejo, AIA, of Earth Tech, spoke specifically about the NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Station/Northside Shopping Center:

- Explained how the NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street station fits into the North Corridor
- Opened the meeting up for community concerns and questions

Dennis Lyzniak, P.E., reiterated that the consultant wants to know how to better serve the community with the Metrorail Extension and the types of things the community wants the consultant to take into consideration in the design.

Information distributed at the beginning of the presentation included a Meeting Agenda.

### COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Community members were concerned about:

- Along the route, how many homes would be displaced and where are they located?

- The exact location of the NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Station at Northside Shopping Center
- Will the NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Station affect the Northside Shopping Center parking area?
- Impact of noise from the Metrorail on the community
- Expressed interest in economic opportunities for community members to be included in the design, for example, an on-site snack shop
- Impact to existing businesses along corridor and desire to have more businesses in built into Metrorail stations as a means of employing area residents

The list of meeting attendees is attached.

The presentation ended at 8:15 pm.